



## **Wichita Bicycle Master Plan**

Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary

June 28, 2012, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wichita City Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room

### **Attendance**

Steering Committee Members:	Barry Carroll, Sonja Armbruster, Ben Sciortino, Charlie Claycomb, Cindy Claycomb, Jerry Jones, Lavonta Williams, Janet Miller, Bill Christian, Becky Pepper
Technical Advisory Committee Members:	Scott Knebel, Scott Knebel, John Schlegel, Larry Hoetmer, Paul Gunzelman, Nathan Schwiethale
Staff:	Scott Wadle
Others:	

### **1. Agenda Review – Purpose of the Meeting**

Scott Wadle welcomed everyone and facilitated a review of the meeting agenda. No changes to the agenda were requested.

### **2. Review – Project Update**

Scott Wadle provided a brief review of the project progress to-date. The meeting participants were referred to the agenda item staff report contained within their packet. Below is a listing of the discussion highlights.

- Scott Wadle reported that the project is on schedule.
- Scott Wadle indicated that Appendix E: AASHTO intro can be deleted from the list as it is included in Chapter 5.

### **3. Review – Public Comments Received to Date**

Meeting participants did not have any questions or comments about the public comments.

### **4. Discuss – Final Comments and Map Revisions**

No questions or changes were discussed.

## **5. Review – Review and Endorsement Process**

The Steering Committee reviewed the updated Plan schedule handout dated 6/27/2012, and PowerPoint slides related to the role of staff and the Steering Committee. Below is a listing of the discussion highlights.

- The Steering Committee consensus was to hold a “super” DAB meeting for all of the DAB members and to invite the public to attend as well. In addition, the event should include an open house prior to the start of the “super” DAB meeting for DAB members to review the maps and specific recommendations. An example of a “super” DAB meeting is the one for the City Budget held on 6/27/2012.
- Meeting participants brainstormed about additional organizations to add to the list for future presentations – listed below.
  - WAMPO Technical Advisory Committee
  - WAMPO Transportation Policy Body
  - Wichita Downtown Development Corporation
  - District I breakfast
  - District VI breakfast
  - Ministerial League
  - Oz Bicycle Club
  - Wichita Independent Neighborhoods
  - USD 259 administrators meeting (principals)
  - YMCA
  - Health and Wellness Coalition
  - Salvation Army
  - Interfaith Ministries
  - Open Door
  - Boys and Girls Club
  - Kansas Single Track Society
  - Bike/Walk Alliance
  - Prairie Travelers
  - Bicycle Shops
  - Visioneering
  - Greater Wichita Economic Development Corporation (GWEDC)
  - Go Wichita
  - Young Professionals of Wichita
  - Wichita Chamber of Commerce
  - Wichita Police Department – Bicycle Unit
  - Fraternal Order of Police
- Steering Committee members indicated that it is appropriate and they will attend meetings to provide insights about why the Steering Committee supports the Plan and why the Plan vision is appropriate for our community.

- At the request of the Steering Committee, Scott Wadle committed to providing the Steering Committee with research related to bicycling in Wichita.
- The following Steering Committee member volunteered or were volunteered to attend the following meetings.
  - City Council Workshop (all Steering Committee members)
  - Advanced Plans Committee (Barry, Charlie, and Jerry)
  - Wichita Transit Advisory Board (Barry, Erick)
  - Park Board (Ben, Cindy)
  - Planning Commission (all Steering Committee members)
  - Wichita City Council meeting (all Steering Committee members)
- A meeting will be held prior to the City Council Workshop to develop the presentation and assign presentation roles.
- It was suggested that perhaps the Steering Committee members could:
  - work with other organizations to create a petition encouraging the endorsement of the Plan;
  - approach local organizations and individuals to submit letters supporting the Plan; and
  - encourage individuals and representatives of other organizations to attend the public meetings where the endorsement of the Plan will be discussed.
- The presentation should highlight that endorsement of the Plan does not commit additional funding.

## **6. Draft Bicycle Advisory Board Ordinance**

The Steering Committee reviewed the draft Bicycle Advisory Board ordinance distributed as part of the agenda packet. Below is a list of highlights from the discussion.

- The Steering Committee consensus is that the Bicycle Advisory Board should be a bicycle and pedestrian advisory board, because they are closely related issues and there is a need to improve conditions for walking in the city.
- In response to a question, Scott Wadle indicated that the Design Council is an existing City advisory body that is appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council. A follow-up discussion among the group indicated that the selection/appointment process could be a little more complex for the Design Council, and that other advisory boards are appointed by the Vice Mayor.
- One topic of discussion was that the Bicycle Advisory Board include staff members, similar to the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee. The

advantage is enhanced level of cooperation. One disadvantage might be awkward situations for staff, if the board takes a formal position on an item.

- The meeting participants agreed that it would be beneficial to have a discussion with Peter Lagerwey related to the Bicycle Advisory Board, especially experiences in other communities.
- The general consensus of the Steering Committee was to continue working on the draft ordinance for the creation of a bicycle pedestrian advisory board.

#### **7. Questions and Answers**

No one expressed any questions.

#### **8. Public Comments**

No public comments were submitted.

#### **9. Adjourn**

The next Steering Committee meeting was scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 6:30. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 pm.